

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Cross Ranch State Park explores Lewis & Clark

Cross Ranch State Park is celebrating the legacy of the Lewis and Clark Expedition on Aug. 14-16 and Aug. 21-23 with programs and activities relevant to the men and their journey through North Dakota on the Missouri River.

With Louisiana Purchase by the United State in 1803, Congressional approval sent the Corps of Discovery, led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, on a remarkable journey along the Missouri and Columbia rivers to find the Pacific Ocean. The expedition's travels through North Dakota are well documented.

Visitors to the park participating will find a variety of programs to participate in including:

Friday, Aug. 14: "A Man Called York." Interpreter Chip Cartwright will provide a historical portrayal of the slave who accompanied Lewis and Clark. The program starts at 9 p.m. at the amphitheater near the River Peoples Visitor Center.

Saturday, Aug. 15: Lewis and Clark Historical Hike. Retrace the expedition's tracks along the Missouri. The hike starts at 10 a.m., meeting at the River Peoples Visitor Center. At 9 p.m. "Seaman the Wonder Dog" is the focus of Cartwright's amphitheater program.

Sunday, Aug. 16: Coffee and Conversation. Meet the Cross Ranch staff for a further discussion of the "Journey of Lewis and Clark" from 8 to 10 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 21: "Lewis and Clark: The Sergeants." At 9 p.m., Cartwright will make a presentation on the expedition's noncommissioned officers.

Saturday, Aug. 22: At 10 a.m. there will be a historical hike led by Cartwright who will provide facts and tales of Lewis and Clark's travels in North Dakota. At 9 p.m., the interpreter will make a presentation on the lesser known men of the expedition.

Sunday, Aug. 23: Coffee and Conversation. Meet the Cross Ranch staff for a further discussion of the "Journey of Lewis and Clark" from 8 to 10 a.m.

Regular park entrance fees apply. For more information contact Cross Ranch State Park at 701-794-3731. Camping reservations can be made by calling 800-807-4723 or online at <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov>.